Joint Search and Rescue Missions by Indian and US Navy

3066. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE by pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian and the US Navy have carried out Search and Rescue (SAR) Missions together;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the two navies have joint exercises under the Malabar series;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under Malabar series, three exercises have been carried out between the Indian and US Navy, the details of which are as under:—

(i) Malabar 1 from 28-30 May, 1992

(ii) Malabar 2 from 10-14 May, 1995

(iii) Malabar 3 from 26-31 March, 1996.

Adherence to recruitment norms by 515 Army Base Workshop, Bangalore

3067. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 515 Army Base Workshop, Bangalore has started recuitment process for the post of C and D posts; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Cantonment Boards should notify staff requirement to the employment exchanges of the State; if so, whether such rules are followed if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that concerned officer has violated rules and published the advertisement in the Tamil language paper; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. A total of 100 industrial and 13 non-industrial vacancies have been notified by 515 Army base Workshop.

(b) Commandant, 515 Army Workshop, being the Appointing Authority, has notified the vacancies to the employment exchange and has received large number of names from them. There is no Cantonment Board at Bangalore and 515 Army Base Workshop is not required to notify their staff requirement through Cantonment Board.

(c) No, Sir. The Workshop has not violated the rules and the vacancies have been published in the following newspapers:

(i) Employment News on 8-14 September 2001 in English language.

(ii) Deccan Herald on 8.9.2001 in English language.

(iii) Indian Express on 8.9. 2001 in English language.

(iv) Kannada Prabha on 8.9.2001 in Kannada language.

(v) Prajavani on 8.9.2001 in Kannada language.

(d) Not applicable in view of reply to part 'c' above.

Posts of Defence Scientists lying vacant in laboratories and institution of DRDO

†3068. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some posts of Defence Scientists are lying vacant in the laboratories and other institutions attached with the Defence Research and Development Organisation; if so, the category-wise number of such vacant posts; and

(b) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. DRDO is holding a total of 5121 Scientists against ceiling of 7255 posts of Scientists upto Xth plan period. All posts of Scientists in DRDO belong to Group 'A'.

(b) The vacant posts of Scientists in DRDO are filled up based on the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.